GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:584
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2016
Dedicated Merry Ground System
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has decided to decrease freight rates on dedicated Merry-Go-Round (MGR) system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the freight rates for transporting goods have been revised down to ? 47 per tonne which will help in an additional 5 million tonne freight load; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 584 BY SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2016 REGARDING MERRY-GO-ROUND SYSTEM

(a) to (d): In order to provide an economical and reliable alternative short lead traffic, a rationalized scheme with lump-sum rates for Merry-Go-Round has been notified with effect from 01.04.2016. Some of the features of this scheme are as under:

â€¢ The MGR Terminals at both ends shall be privately owned.

â€¢ Rail track between the two terminals will be provided by the customer.

â€¢ Railways will provide locos, wagons, brake-vans and other rolling stock as per requirement for running of the rakes under MGR system.

â€¢ Terminals at both ends will operate round the clock.

â€¢ Lump-sum rates charged under the MGR System would depend upon the number of rakes loaded per day and the lead of traffic.

â€¢ For 18 km lead, the average MGR rate for 2-3 trips per day is around ? 47 per tonne.

â€¢ Expected traffic under this scheme is around 4-5 million tonnes in the financial year 2016-17.
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